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AND MASS MEDIA ISSUES - APPROACHES BY EUROPEAN NATIONS TO OTHER
COUNTRIES

REF: A. STATE 256656; B. BERN 4490

1. EMBOFF RAISED SUBJECT WITH DR PAUL STAUFFER, CHIEF,
CULTURAL AND UNESCO AFFAIRS, SWISS FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPT,
AS REQUESTED REF A. STAUFFER SAID THAT IN VIEW OF
SWISS DEMARCHE IN PARIS AMONG UNESCO DELEGATIONS IN CONJUNCTION
WITH AUSTRIA AND NORWAY (REF B) HE DOUBTED THAT SWISS WOULD
MAKE ADDITIONAL BILATERAL APPROACHES AT THIS LATE DATE TO
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COUNTRIES US SUGGESTED. HOWEVER, HE WOULD PASS ON US REQUEST

TO SENIOR LEVEL PFD. STAUFFER ADDED THAT SWISS ARE GENERALLY AWARE OF DOUBTFUL OR UNCOMMITTED COUNTRIES BUT APPRECIATED RECEIVING RESULTS OF US APPROACHES FOR COMPARISON. HE REMARKED THAT ISRAELI EMBASSY COUNSELOR HAD MADE DEMARCHE REQUESTING SWISS SUPPORT AMONG UNCOMMITTED EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. HE SAID SWISS HAVE LITTLE OR NO INFLUENCE WITH THOSE COUNTRIES.

2. STAUFFER SAID THAT SWISS UNESCO PERMDEL REPORTED OCT 15 IN PERSONAL OBSERVATION THAT HE BELIEVED ARAB AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WOULD BE RELATIVELY RESTRAINED AND COULD BE EXPECTED NOT TO EXERT EXTREME OPPOSITION TO ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN REGION. THEREFORE, SWISS SOMEWHAT LESS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT OUTLOOK FOR ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP. STAUFFER NOTED THERE WAS STILL POSSIBILITY OF STRONG OPPOSITION FROM LDC'S IN PLENARY SESSION, BUT HE HOPED FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE THAT DECISIONS ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS TO REGIONAL GROUPS IS A MATTER TO BE DECIDED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP CONCERNED.
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